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Welcome Home!



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky

Twenty-seven members of the 911th Airlift Wing received a joyful welcome home from family and friends Sept. 16 as they returned from Al Udeid, Qatar. The return signified the last of the two-year mobilization order 250 members received November 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Two-year mobilization winds down for 911th Airmen

About sixty Airmen from the 911th Airlift Wing returned home from a deployment to Al Udeid, Qatar in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom September 13 and 16.

The returning Airmen are the last of 250 who were part of a two-year mobilization that began in November 2003.

Originally the mobilization order had been for 12 months, but due to operational needs, the tour was extended for an additional year. Since the beginning of the deployment, reservists had been rotating between Pittsburgh and Southwest Asia approximately every

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Commander's Corner

Who moved my cheese?

Being only a few days now from leaving the 911th, I have been asking myself the question, "Who moved my cheese?" I am trying to prepare myself for what may be the biggest change in my life since arriving here from active duty.

As I go through my processes of change, I realize too, the 911th Airlift Wing is in the process of significant changes. As we approach de-activations, de-mobilizations, homecomings and the end of the Base Realignment and Closure process (BRAC), the entire wing will be dealing with the stresses of change. To best deal with change there is a process we all go through.

Whenever we are faced with a significant change, our first reaction is Disbelief or Denial. When I was notified of my pending mandatory separation date, I didn't want to accept it. I was deployed, working hard and contributing to our Air Force Mission; "How could I be getting too old to still contribute?" I didn't want to hear it and I didn't want to believe it. It was true however, and I have had to accept I will soon be leaving for a whole new (yet still undefined) adventure.

Another barrier to change is that we have a tendency to become angry. For example, when we were placed on the BRAC list again. Most of us who made it through the 1995 BRAC Commission were probably a bit angry and in disbelief. Happily we were able to prove the 911th AW is too valuable to close.

Even coming off the closure list, we will be adding a new



Colonel Charles Boivin

mission now and still have to deal with change. Bargaining is the point where we would offer anything if only we can keep things as they were. Denial, Anger and Bargaining are all barriers to dealing with change and delay the acceptance and the action needed to make the change happen.

The final barrier to making change is depression; we just don't want things to be different. We will tend to anticipate the worst results of a change, we try to delay or drag our feet. Finally though, we take action; that is when we make change happen. The 911th has a rich tradition of doing "Whatever it Takes" to get the job done, to meet the mission and make changes. This wing knows how to get to the action part of making changes and finding the new way.

For me it is time to find some new cheese, I will be starting a new adventure. I don't know exactly what's ahead, it will be new and I am sure it will be cool. Two-thirds of my Air Force career has been here at the 911th, this has been my neighborhood, I am going to miss it and I am going to miss you all.

Chuck Boivin



Command seeks participation in survey

Air Force Reserve Command leaders want everyone in the command – military and civilian – to participate in the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey.

The survey runs from Oct. 1 to Nov. 23.

“Last year was the first time AFRC participated in the survey, and the results were tremendous,” said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander. “The 33-percent participation rate sent a clear message that our people are committed to improving the Air Force.

“This year our goal is 100-percent participation across the command,” he said.

The purpose of the survey is to make things better for people and their organizations. The survey measures how people feel about leadership, supervision, training, recognition and other aspects of the Air Force. This year’s survey also covers enduring competencies such as effective communication, teamwork, judgment and adaptation under pressure.

“Since the survey software protects one’s identity, I encourage everyone to be honest and straightforward in their responses,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jackson A. Winsett, AFRC command chief master sergeant. “The survey data will be as good as the respondents make it. It’s our opportunity to stand up and be counted.”

The survey can be completed online at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/> anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer.

Results of the survey will be released in February to unit leaders. (AFRC News Service)

ParcWay employee receives award

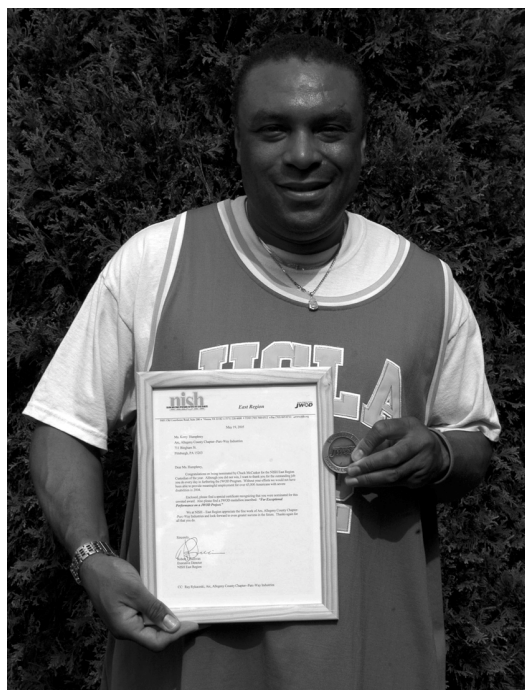


Photo by Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky

Mr. Kerry Humphrey proudly displays a certificate and medallion he received “for Exceptional Performance.” He was recently nominated for the National Industry for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) East Region Custodian of the Year award.

Mr. Humphrey has 17 years of service with eight years here at the 911th working for Achieva ParcWay Industries Janitorial Services.

Quick Clips

Wing Appreciation Day!

In special recognition of those who have served in support of the Global War on Terrorism, both overseas and at home, and for the families who provided the strong foundation necessary for our Airmen when their country called, a Wing Appreciation Day will be held Oct. 2, beginning at noon.

Food will be served by the Reserve Officers Association and the First Sergeants. Children’s games and activities are planned. A softball game is also on the schedule.

Civilian Employment

Oct. 31 is the deadline for Air Force reservists to register information about their civilian place of employment. Command officials urge them to comply with the Department of Defense directive as soon as possible by going online to <http://www.afrc.af.mil/reserveInfo.htm> and clicking on Civilian Employment Info Program.

ITT Services for you

The Information, Tickets and Travel Office has discounts available for most theme parks and attractions.

Disney and Looney Toones watches are also available for purchase.

For more information call Aaron Spangler at (412) 474-8641.



Can't hold a candle to fire prevention week

by Mr. Gary L. Lewis
Chief of fire protection

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), someone is injured in a fire every 29 minutes, and a fire-related death occurs every 134 minutes.

The week of October 9-15 is designated this year as National Fire Prevention Week. The week-long campaign is designed to strengthen people's awareness of fire safety issues and to increase attention and education about the devastating consequences of fire.

This year the NFPA recognized a trend in home fires caused by the use of candles and is placing emphasis on safe candle use in its theme, "Use Candles with Care." Mishandling of candles results in approximately 18,000 fires and 190 deaths annually, according to the NFPA.

Meanwhile, The Civil Engineer of the Air Force, Maj. Gen. L. Dean Fox, reports that twelve such incidents have occurred in the Air Force over the past three years and is seeking a concentrated effort to promote candle safety Air Force wide. As the use of candles is prohibited at the 911th, the Fire Protection Office is offering some precautions for the use of candles in your home.

- Always stay in the room where candles are being burned.
- Use sturdy candle holders that won't tip or burn.
- Keep lit candles away from anything combustible.
- Don't use candles for night-lights.
- Keep candles away from children (*More than 30% of the fires that kill children are set by children*).

One of the most important steps each family can take in preventing death and injury in a fire is to have an escape plan. Only one-fourth of U.S. families have developed and rehearsed a plan for escaping their home in a fire, according to NFPA statistics. The reason? Ignorance regarding the speed, heat and toxicity of fire. Here are a few facts your family

should know:

1. A small flame can get completely out of control in less than 30 seconds. The speed is even greater around dry or highly flammable materials. Once the fire starts, it only takes a few minutes for thick black smoke to fill a house.

2. A fire's heat alone can be deadly. Room temperatures in a fire can be 100 degrees at floor level and rise to 600 degrees at eye level. Imagine what would

happen to lungs which inhaled air heated to 600 degrees.

3. A blanket of thick black smoke from the fire will leave you virtually blind and disoriented and unable to find your way to safety.

4. Fire uses the oxygen you need to breathe and replaces it with smoke and toxic gases

which kill more people than flames do.

For more information on using candles with care contact the base Fire Protection Office, (412) 474-8731 or visit the mission support group, civil engineering fire protection site on the base metrics.



Fire safety tips

- Time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Escape first!
- Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it frequently.
- In your fire escape plan, designate a safe meeting place outside.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows at least two escape routes from each room.
- Practice feeling your way out, using the escape routes, with your eyes closed.
- Never stand up in a fire; always crawl low under the smoke and try to keep your mouth covered.
- Never return to a burning building for any reason; it may cost you your life.
- Finally, have a working smoke detector dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire.





Club Cargo Bay - Not just "the club" anymore

by Ms. Ashley L. Call

911th Public affairs, student hire

Club gets name - The Club will no longer be called just "The Club." After holding a month long "Name the Club Contest" from April 1 – May 31, the Club has been renamed to *Club Cargo Bay*. Club members were invited to submit ideas for a new name. Services members collected many name ideas then narrowed them down to the top three. The winning nomination belonged to Ms. Stacey Morrison, commercial services representative at Finance, for Club Cargo Bay.

"I thought it made sense, seeing as how the club is off to the side of the hangar. It just popped into my head, I honestly didn't think it would win!" said Ms. Morrison.

New Chef on board - The noticeably increased quality of entrees at Club Cargo Bay can be attributed to new chef, Aaron Hanson. According to Club Cargo Bay's management, Chef Hanson was hired in March and ever since he came on board the number of people eating lunch at the club has greatly increased. Due to the increase, lunch began being served again on Mondays which started September 12.

To increase customer satisfaction, Club Cargo Bay surveys will be regularly conducted to see what meals are most popular. These surveys help to decide

new menu items. The club also strives to satisfy religious demographics offering fish every Friday as an alternative to red meat.

"We try to make everyone happy and offer a variety of food at our buffets. Some people like Mexican food more than Italian food, so we try to offer varieties on each buffet to please everyone who eats here" said Ms. Liz Moore, accounting manager for the club.

New Club theme introduced - On October 7, Services will present an authentic German-themed fair taking place at the 911th Pavilion. The fair will offer a variety of German food including sauerkraut, red and white bratwurst and pomme frites, otherwise known as French fries. Food will be free for club members and \$8.95 for non-club members. Adult beverages will be available as well as authentic German mugs and steins.

The Air Force will be kicking off a world wide club membership drive October 1 – November 30. The purpose is to provide information on the 2005 Air Force Club Membership Campaign in hopes to increase membership by at least 10,000; to inform the Air Force community about the benefits of club membership; and educate eligible non-members about club activities. The campaign will be open to all active duty, reserve, civilian and retiree eligible non-members. For more information contact Ms. Lani Meredith, club manager, (412) 474-8227.

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sixty-days. The bulk of the Airmen were primarily C-130 aircrews, maintainers and administrative support staff.

A welcome home party was held Sept. 16 as families and friends gathered to greet those who returned. Mr. Terry Stuart, family readiness director, and several volunteers provided snacks and refreshments. They also handed out information concerning Tricare and how to contact Air Force OneSource to answer any questions and to help returning members find the necessary resources.

"I was gratified to see so many family members out here to greet their returning loved ones," said Mr. Stuart. "I sensed from the group there was a feeling of relief as well as accomplishment for all they have endured in support of the war on terrorism," he said.

According to regulations governing the event of a Presidential call-up of Reserve forces, members who have been mobilized for the full 730 day period cannot be activated again for a period of three years.

"As the new commander, it's great having most of the wing members back home safely," said Col. Randy Bright.

"Now that demobilization is here we must return to a reserve mentality as we make our transition from active duty back to reserve status. There will also be a period of adjustment for each member as they prepare to get back to work with their civilian employers. And in some cases, they'll even have to get reacquainted with their families," said the commander. "They will, however, have many resources at their fingertips in order to make those adjustments," he said.

Members can contact Air Force OneSource at www.airforceonesource.com or by calling 1-800-707-5784 anytime. Help is available 24/7. The 911th's Family Readiness, Customer Support, Staff Judge Advocate, Chaplain, etc. are also available.

Other 911th reserve members will continue to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in various capacities and for various lengths of time. (PA)



The Communications Corridor

A link to better understanding

by Mr. Greg Nass

911th Communications Squadron

Did you know that work group managers are here to help you? They should be your first point of contact for anything computer related. They will be able to assist with tasks such as configuring your computer correctly after being re-imaged, configuring e-mail and printers, and can also provide "how-to" training on different software products. Additionally they can also help you backup your very important data!

Checkout the metrics page next time you have some time! There is a wealth of computer related information within the communication pages for your



reading pleasure.

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Did you know that your Air Force Reserve e-mail can be accessed from any computer with an internet connection from outside of the base? Just go to <https://owa.afrc.af.mil> and give it a try.

What's new?

There are new user account forms (DD Form 2875) that require signatures from your local information awareness officer, security officer, and supervisor. Clearance verification is now required before we can create those new network and e-mail accounts.

Any questions, please call the helpdesk at (412)474-8444 or e-mail us at 911aw.helpdesk@pittsburgh.af.mil. We are here to help you!

Work Group Managers (WGM)

MX - contact Phil Call at (412) 474-8397

OG - James Wise at Ext. 8323

MSG - Kenneth Malachi at Ext. 8206

Government civilians offered way to help Katrina survivors

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many Americans want to do whatever they can to help those directly affected, and now government civilians have another way to help in this effort.

Government civilian employees may now volunteer to help the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hurricane Katrina efforts through the Federal Employee Volunteer Program.

"Air Force civilians are already providing outstanding assistance to those in need simply by doing their jobs," said Mr. Greg Den Herder, executive director of the Air Force Personnel Center here. "This

program offers those people, whom supervisors can release, another way to serve in this effort to overcome the effects of Hurricane Katrina."

Potential volunteers must receive permission from their chain of command to participate. Those who volunteer will likely face difficult conditions under which they will work while being exposed to potential dangers to health and well-being. Volunteers should also expect to be deployed a minimum of 30 days to locations affected by Hurricane Katrina as determined by FEMA.

Along with this awareness,

supervisors must weigh the volunteer opportunity against costs to the unit.

Volunteers' units will continue to pay salary and benefit costs, including workers compensation costs if volunteer employees are injured. FEMA expects to pay additional travel, overtime and training costs, but owning organizations must be prepared to cover those costs until reimbursement is made.

Interested civilian employees with their supervisors' permission should contact their base civilian personnel flights for more information. (AFRC News Service)



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark A. Winklosky

Something to smile about

Col. Randal Bright, 911th Airlift Wing commander, shares a smile as he watches Senior Master Sgt. Donna Penland receive a warm welcome home from niece, Taylor. Four members of the 911th Services Squadron returned Sept. 15 after being deployed for approximately 120 days to Al Dhafra Air Base, United Arab Emirates.

One Team-One Fight

The mission support group has announced their first "One Team-One Fight" unit/team and individual of the year awards:

Unit/Team of the Year

32nd Aerial Port Squadron

Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Robert Majewski, Jr.
911th Communications Squadron

Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

Technical Sgt. Norman Long
911th Services Squadron

Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. Donna Penland
911th Services Squadron

Company Grade Officer of the Year

Capt. Todd McCrann
911th Logistics Readiness Squadron

These awards are based on each recipient's direct contribution to the Wing and their steadfast demonstration and commitment to teamwork.

Eagle Eyes help observe suspicious behaviors

The Eagle Eyes program is an anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror.

It starts with teaching people about the typical activities terrorists engage in to plan their attacks:

- **Surveillance** - Someone recording or monitoring activities.
- **Elicitation** - People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people.
- **Tests of security** - Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or proce-

dures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

• **Acquiring supplies**

- Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, detonators, timers, etc.

• **Suspicious persons out of place**

- People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else.

• **Dry run** - Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act.

• **Deploying assets** - People and supplies getting into position to commit the act.

Armed with this information, anyone can recognize elements of potential terror planning when they see it.

You and your family are encouraged to learn these categories of

suspicious behavior and stay attuned to your surroundings. If you observe something suspicious, report your observations using our 24-hour phone number: (412) 474-8566 or contact AFOSI DET 325 OL-A at (412) 474-8824. (PA)





**Technical Sergeant
Lamont Worthy**

Unit: 911th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Job: Inventory management specialist

Job Scope: Ordering, re-searching aircraft parts

Most demanding job aspect: Time constraints to meet the mission

Most rewarding job aspect: Completing the mission ahead of schedule

Hometown: Aliquippa, Pa.

Favorite food: Shrimp, spaghetti

Favorite music: Old school R & B

Favorite movie: Enter the Dragon

Who'd play you in a movie? Will Smith

If you weren't working right now, what would you be doing? Losing some video game to my three-year-old.

Promotions

To Airman: Brett Schuring, 911th SVS;



To Airman First Class: Jessica Tatum, 911th OSF; William Blyth, 911th MXS;



To Senior Airman: Jacob Acon, 911th MXS; Kress Adamson, 911th ASTS; Robert Barbish, 911th MXS; Adam Biancucci, 911th AES; Erinn Jedlicka, 911th AES; Ian Lowe, 911th AW; Zachary McClemens, 911th AMS; Anthony Vaughan, 911th CES, Det 1; Richard Witherite, 911th MXS; Krista Kulak, 911th OSF;



To Staff Sergeant: Christopher Barker, 911th LRS; Robert Michniak, II, 911th LRS; Vicki Ruth, 911th CES; Robert Stalter, 911th ASTS; Sarah Taylor Jones, 911th ASTS; Christopher Stutz, 911th SVS;



To Technical Sergeant: Mark Ansani, 32nd APS; Jeremy Everly, 911th AES; Nickole Ford, 32nd APS; Jeffrey Gorze, 758th AS; Christopher Heaney, 758th AS;

Daniel Loeffert, 911th MXS; William Simonton, III, 911th ASTS; Lawrence Yakich, 911th MXS; William Andrews, 911th LRS; Jessica Benigni, 911th AW;



To Master Sergeant: Chad Odenthal, 911th LRS; Carl Reitz, 911th ASTS;



Let's play ball!

If you are interested in playing



some basketball or softball after work, please contact one of the following individuals: Mike Winston, (412)474-8262; Vince

Ruesser, Ext. 8991;

or Dan Loeffert, Ext. 8653.

These activities are open to both men and women.

It would be great to play some softball before the weather changes.

So, if you're bored or you just need another activity to help stay in shape, come out and join in the fun.

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